GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Nutrition Mission Scheme has beenannounced by the Government for providing subsidised foodgrain to adolescent girls and expactant and nursing mothers for below poverty line families, hardly took off the ground during the year;

(b) if so, the reasons for the failure alongwith the steps taken and the progress made in implementing the scheme;

(c) the targets fixed, achievements made and the expenditure incurred during each year of the 9th Plan; and

(d) the contemplated comparative figures for the 10th Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) In pursuance to the announcement made by the Prime Minister on Independence Day 2001, thePlanning Commission conveyed approval of special additional central assistance of Rs.103.33 crore for 2002-03 to States inJuly 2002, for a Pilot Project in 51 Districts, under National NutritionMission, to provide foodgrains free of cost to identified under-nourished adolescent girls and expectant and nursing mothers and also issued the guidelines.

The funds were released by the Ministry of Financein October 2002 and the States have started implementation. Since the funds have been released in October 2002, the question of failure does not arise.